

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : **Gazza**
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Title : **Balloon Structure and Balloon Catheter**
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Examiner : **Dornbusch**
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Customer No. : **26936**

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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention identified by the examiner as Group I, namely claims 72 - 101 and 105 - 127, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the nonelected claims. Applicant further elects Species I (balloon structure). The examiner indicated claims 72 - 101, 105, 113 and 114 read on the elected species. We understand claims 106 - 110 recite the apex tip structure. However, it seems to us that if claim 105 reads on the elected species, all claims which depend from it (i.e., claims 106 - 127) must also read on the species. The examiner is invited to reconsider this point.

We have noticed claims 111 and 112 have antecedent basis problems; these will be addressed in a separate paper.

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